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SWINDLED 1,000 FIRMS.

THE MOVING SPIRIT OF " B. BLANK" CAPTURED YESTERDAY.

understood, and stopped. Then Gargan crossed over again and passed the Captain, telling him as he went by that he thought Williams was close behind him. The Captain turned, and the stranger seeing that he was discovered, dashed into a clothing tore. Capt. Cross followed, and after chasing him around several counters caught him and marched him out, clerks and customers tooking on in amazement. The Captain vonchasted no explanation, but took his man straight to the station house. Gargan and the typewriter following. The latter there identified the man as Williams and he was locked up. The name he gave was William Matzner, and his address as 2,041 Arthur avenue. He said he was 37 years old. Seeilg said he was 38 years old and lived at 739 Lexington avenue. With these two men under lock and key. Captain Cross become convinced that the leader in the swindle was still at liberty, and he made up hit mind to get him. He got a good description of him from the typewriter, but aithough he had the Murray street office watched all day, the man did not show up. A. about 4 o'clock Mr. Ells. who had been working on the case with the Captain, informed him that he had discovered that the third man in the gang was the prisoner Seelig's brother-in-law visited lim at the station house, he put Detectives Gargan and Donohue on the brother-in-law's træck. They followed the man, whose name Captain Cross will not tell, to his home, and they hung around all night. Yesterday morning, when he came out, they followed him to t.e corner of Ninetient street and Lexington avenue. There he met another man, who answered the description of Seelig, and they arrested him. He turned out to be Henry Seelig, and at the station house he said he was 42 years old, and lived at 307 Lexington avenue. Seelig was one of the-fmen who, in last May, put \$40,000 worth of fogus paper, alleged to have been made by William Howell & Son of Charles Crossman, of the firm of Charles Crossman, of the firm of Charles Crossman & Co., which helped to float the paper, \$10,0 He Is Henry Seelig, Who Has Been Impliented in Some of the Largest of Recent Frauds-One of the Other Two Swindlers Arrested on Baturday Is His Brother.

When the police arrested the two men known as Bauer and Williams, who were doing business as commission merchants at 29 Murray street, under the name of "B. Blank." Saturday afternoon, they supposed that they had caught two ordinary swindlers. They didn't know then that they were only the creatures of a man whose reputation as an au-dacious swindler is secon1 to that of no criminal in the country, a man who has several times been on the verge of securing fortunes through his clever swindling schemes, and who has time and again escaped conviction and imprisonment through his ability to cover up his s. This man is Henry Seelig, who years was a respectable dealer in sponges, with an office in Burling slip. His criminal career began when his legitimate business failed, and the magnificent scale on which he carried on one of his swindling schomes no longer ago than last May aroused the police of the whole country and put detectives on his track so that he had to fiee to Mexico. This man is at present a prisoner in the Leonard street police station, and to-day, with his fellow swindlers, will be arraigned in the Centre Stree! Police Court, charged with attempted grand larceny. Captain Cross of the Leonard street station says now that he has enough evidence to convict Scelle.

In two months Seelig and his partners, one of whom, the man known as Bauer, is his brother. Franz Seeilg, have secured without the outlay of a single cent, except what they paid for office rent, postage stamps, and the salary of their pretty typewriter, over \$100,000 in wines cigars, and canned goods. Most of this has been disposed of at about 60 per cent, of its value and Capt. Cross is of the opinion that in cold cash the men have realized between \$40,000 and \$60,000. Yesterday afternoon es soon as he had Henry Seelly under lock and key, the Captain told a SUN reporter the full story of the swindle, the way in which it was discovered, and how the men were captured,

In the first place the men, in establishing themselves in the Murray street offices, selected the business name of B. Blank, for the reason that one of the best-known wholesale grocers in the city is Berthold Blank of 344 Greenwich street. It was an important part of their scheme to be mistaken for him. After furnishing their office they engaged a typewriter at a salary of So a week, and then, purchasing a business directory which contains the names of men in all lines of business throughout the ntry, they began operations. Their scheme, which is made perfectly clear by papers now in the possession of the police, was to first write to a concern and request that samples of certain goods be sent to them. Sometimes they would speak of having been recommended by some other firm to the prospective victim, but they never mentioned the name of the firm thus recomme ding them. As a rule, however, the letter would be an ordinary one, such as is sent out by any business house and of course the request for samples would be granted. That would be the balt, and following that a letter asking questions about the quality of goods and other things would Where the swindlers thought the victim needed plenty of line and careful playing, they would follow the second letter with a request for a reduction in the price of goods, more liberal discount, or a better time credit, all being done apparently with the idea of impressing the victim with the fact that if they did buy close on prices, they were good pay, consequently desirable customers. In some case orders were sent immediately after the receipt of samples, but these were very few, the swindlers evidently believing in the haggling policy. In most of the letters the term of credit asked was thirty or sixty days, and as the orders were generally liberal ones. this, once the reliability of the firm of B.

Blank was established. wiaturally, the first move of a wholesaler or receiving an order of the kind the swindlers usually sent out would be to look them up in the mercantile agency books. This was exactly what the swindlers expected, and they took advantage of the fact that these books, while they give the names of firms and their ratings, do not give addresses. Berthold Brank of 344 Greenwich street, being rated high in the agency books, was naturally mistaken for B. Blank of 20 Murray street, and in almost all cases the orders of the swindlers were shipped immediately, the bill of lading in each case being mailed. It was the mailing of several bills of lading to "B. Blank, New York," that led to the detection of the swindle. These bills fell into the hands of Berthold

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UTAH'S MURDER MYSTERY.

OUR POLICE ASKED TO LOOK OUT FOR THE FUGITIFE PARSON.

Evidence that the Rev. Mr. Hermans Killed Miss Clawson and then Cremated Her Body-His Sweetheart Also Missing-Known that He Pawned Her Watch.

SALT LAKE, Utab, May 24.—This city has been much aroused by the discovery that the Rev. Francis Hermans, pastor of the Swedish Methodist Church, is accused of the murder

women, and that he creen ten the body of one of them in the furnace of the church. It is thought that Hermans, whose whereabouts are unknown, may intend to leave the country, and Chief of Police Pratt to-night telegraphed to the police of New York and all the leading seaport towns, asking them to look out for the fugitive.

Miss Clawson, who was a member of Hernans's church, and was in his service as a domestic, disappeared, as near as can be ascertained, on Sept. 30, last year. How the girl met her death is not known. It is believed that Hermans poisoned her, as several bottles of deadly drugs have been found among his effects. In the furnace have been found the remains of two razors and a carving knife, with which he is supposed to have cut up the body, which could not have been placed in the small furnace without dissection. The cremation of the body must have taken nearly all of one day and even then some ribs and other bones were not entirely consumed.

The doctors say the bones are those of a wo man, and the friends of the missing Miss Clawson are sure that the beit buckle, garter buckles, and remnants of jewelry found in the ashes were her property.

Janitor Johnson of the church says that at the time when it is supposed the cremation oc-curred Mr. Hermans would not permit him to enter the basement. The minister said he was roing to build a fire for the purpose of trying the pipes, though Johnson himself had always done such work.

The search of the offices of B. Blank, made

In reply to your note I beg to say that B. Blank needs no reminder of the fact that he owes D. Lieb-heart money. He will pay the bill when it is due.

heart money. He will pay the bill when it is due. Other letters found are amusing. In some "Blank" begged for reductions, pleading that he could not afford to psy the prices asked, but saying that he must have the goods. In others he would threaten that unless certain orders were filled at once, he would be obliged to crucel them, as his salesmen were about to start out, and must be equipped with samples. The one or two setbacks which "Blank" had did not dishearten him in the least. For instance, a long correspondence was carried on with C. A. Root & Co. of Red Lion, Pa. Mr. Root was delighted with the orders in early letters, but he must have received a tip later, for this letter from him seems to have closed the correspondence:

the correspondence:

* * We will not ship a case to you until we know a little more about you and your firm standing. Give us pleuty of references. Tell how long you've been in business in New York, from whom you buy, and how you settle bills. We thought we were making deals with h. Blank of Greenwich were the green settle bills. We hank of Murray street. Give us a little light, please.

Here are some extracts from a letter to "Blank" from Alexander Knaube of Dallas

town, Pa.:

I received your letter to-day, and in reply will say that I had one case stamped for you and started for New York, but I stopped shipment, because they tell me you are no good. You want the goods send me a check for \$5 for freight charges, and I will send you the clears and a bill of lating, with sight draft attached. They tell me that the good B. Blank does business at 144 Greenwich street.

This order was received.

This order was never repeated, and Mr. Knaube didn't send the cigars. Here are two other short letters found in the office, the first signed "E. H. Palmer, secretary and manager of the Geneva Preserving Co. of Geneva, N. Y.," and the other from "E. N. Cohen & Co. of Lancaster, Pa.";

We have received information which necessitates our declining to fill your order. Your very kind order—although you saw no sam-ples—is received. We will ship as soon as we re-ceive your very kind remittance.

The minister used charcoal, which was very unusual, as the furnace was built especially for bituminous coal.

The odor of burning flesh oversame a young man who rooms in an adjoining house. He tried to ascertain what was the cause, and asked the minister. The latter replied that he had been burning

The search of the offices of B. Blank, made by Captain Cross, brought to light the fact that in the two months they have been in business they have issued orders to over 1,000 firms in different parts of the country, and in all except about twenty cases have succeeded in obtaining goods. Small cigar dealers in Pennsylvania were the principal victims, and some of them were swindled two or three times before they-realized that "H. Blank" was not as good pay as they supposed him to be. A number of Maine canning companies were also caught for large sums. Among the bills found is one from the Bridgeport Canning Company of Brighton, Me. for \$753.76 another from the Ossipee Valley Canning Company of Cornish, Me., for \$750, and others for sures ranging from \$80 to \$500 each. On most of these bills Henry Seellg had scrawled some memoranda for the typewriter to copy and send out. For instance, across a bill from David Liebheart of East Prospect, Pa., for \$150 was written: garbage which a scavenger had failed to haul way, and with this explanation the young man was satisfied. The first discovery of the bones, razors, and knife was made by another minister. who was called to take charge of the church during the absence of Hermans in the East. He went down in the basement to look after he furnace and found the remnants there. He

also discovered that the door of the furnace was smeared with blood. This door was taken off and an analysis of the stains showed that they are human blood. Miss Clawson, it is said, was in love with the

man. She attended church regularly and was considered a good Christian giri. She appeared o be a favorite with the preacher, at least during the summer of last year. It has been discovered that another domestic, Swede named Annie Samuelson, has also dis-

appeared. She-was supposed to have gone to her home in Sweden last fall after the disappearance of Miss Clawson, but she has not arrived there. A search of Hermans's trunk has rought to light a number of articles that belonged to Miss Clawson and Miss Samuelson. A watch and a ring belonging to Miss Samuel-

on have also been found in a pawnshop, where the preacher had pawned them. The Rev. E. E. Mork of Brigham City received a letter from Hermans dated Kansas City, May 9, in which he enclosed the pawn tickets. In this letter he said that he did not expect to live much longer. It was discovered this afternoon that the parson had used a barrel on which to cut up a body. The barrel, with its tell-tale blood stains, was found in a corner of the basement, where he had left it.

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month, Hermans gave to Mr. Johnson a box containing eight or ten vials of poison and some bettles of chloroform and other drugs, among which was a vial of pills for producing abortion. He had told Johnson that having studied medicine he found many of these things useful. Miss Samuelson has an aunt. Miss Larsen ilving in the city. "Annie was about 22 years old." said Miss Larsen to-day. "She came from Sweden about two years ago, and was in the employ of Mrs. Brinker, and then of Mrs. Harkness, inwhose service she remained until the middle of last January. She told me that she was engaged to marry the tlev. Mr. Hermans, whose church she attended. It was during the latter part of January that I last saw Annie. She came to me and told me she was going to be married shortly. She was to go to Ogden to visit for a few days, and Mr. Hermans was to join her there and marry her.
"On Feb. 61 received a telegram from Ogden signed 'Annie,' saying that she was on her way to Sweden. On the following day I received a letter purporting to come from her. It said that everything between her and the clergyman was off, and she was anxious to get away from scenes that were painful to her. Mr. Hermans, she said, was her superior socially, and by agreement they had separated."

Since Miss Samuelson went away nothing has been heard from her, She has relatives living at Crooksten, Minn, but they know nothing of her present whereabouts. Her people in Sweden have heard nothing from her.

Hermans called upon Annie's aunt about the time she received the telegram and letter, and he also exhibited a letter purporting to have been written by her, and which was to the effect that she had broken the engagement and started for the old country.

The letters seem to have been written by Hermans himself, and the police believe he wrote them.

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A number of pathetic letters were also found,
Some of them beg for a payment on account,
pleading that the writers are in financial difficulties. Others are from persons who have
been swindled out of goods valued at from \$100
to \$300, and who have received fresh orders
from the swindlers, which they write they
will be unable to send unless they get a little
money with which to pay the freight charges.

Captain Cross says that the specific charges
against the three men will by based on the
swindling of the Ossipee Valley Canning Company. He desires, too, he said yesterday, to
notify morchants all over the country who
have shipped goods to "B. Blank of 20 Murray street" that there are thousands of dollars'
worth of goods now at docks and in freight
cars in this city which have been consigned to
B. Blank. These goods will perish, he says,
unless the owners provide for shipping them
back.

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Hermans has been married three times. He first married in England, where his wife died suddenly. He married his second wife in Superior, Minn., and shortly afterward she also died. He remarried again, and his last wife died in this city about a year ago.

She gave birth to a child, which died a few days afterward. The mother, however, recovered, and was apparently healthy for some weeks after her confinement, when suddenly she also passed away in a most mysterious manner.

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It is learned that Hermans obtained small loans from several persons prior to his departure. A few days before he left he entered Conhaim's clothing store and borrowed \$20 from Mr. Conhaim, saying that he would return it in a few days.

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By the United Press.

Further developments in the Scandinavian Church tragedy in this city lead to the belief that the Rev. Francis Hermans has a record of crime little less extensive than that of the notorious Holmes. His first wife died in England under suspicious circumstances.

He was pastor of a Scandinavian church at West Superior, Wis., in 1800 and in 1891, and there married a highly respectable lady, who in less than a year died very suddenly with her two weeks old baby.

An inquest was held, but nothing beyond a suspicion of foul play was elicited. Hermans soon married again and came to Sait Lake in 1894 with his wife. Before long a baby was born and the mother and child died suddenly a few weeks after.

Then his acquaintance with Miss Clawson began, and it is charged in the complaint which has been sworn to by John Sanson, a member of the church here, that he murdered her and cremated the body in the furnace in the church basement.

He was engaged to marry Miss Samuelson in

church basement.

He was engaged to marry Mias Samuelson in The February of this year, but she disappeared, and it is charged that he poisoned her after betraying her and carved up the body in the church cellar. It is believed he has murdered seven persons.

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Miss Clawson came to Salt Lake from Omaha seven years ago. She was a native of Sweden, and, as far as is known, had no relatives in this country, but she had many friends here and was considered a respectable girl.

Miss Samuelson was employed as a nursery governess in a good family here, and left her place to be married to the preacher. She has an aunt and other relatives living here, and was a member of Herman's church.

The church officers say that Hermans was suspended recently for embezing church funds, confessed his guilt, and was awaiting a hearing before the annual Methodist Conference. He was a fine-looking man, and very generally liked.

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He is represented as having a great liking for the study of medicine, anatomy, and kindred subjects, and often delivered disquisitions on obysicions. Photographs and descriptions of the man have been sent all over the country, but so far the police here have no idings of him. When he left Sait Lake on May 15 he purchased a ticket to Hansas City.

KILLED AT A CLAMBAKE. Raiding Policemen Shoot Two of a Party

NEW YORK, MONDAY, MAY 25, 1896-COPYRIGHT, 1896, BY THE SUN PRINTING AND PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

of Merrymakers, PAWTUCKET, May 24 .- Two men belonging in

this city were shot and killed at a clambake in south Attleboro, Mass., this afternoon. They were Michael Connors and Daniel Mountain. Both leave large families.

The outing was gotten up by the st Side Checker Club, consisting of residents of ward Two. They had leased the grove on the Robin. son estate, a distance from the line of the Inter State Rallway Company, and the spread was

served to nearly 100 persons.

At the close of the feast there was a game of Thomas Ready, a well-known saloon keeper of Central Falls, came running and ex-

"Here come the officers to stop your ball game.

The men quit playing and moved up near the tables on which the clams had been served as they saw a party of men approach. Some say there were two, some three, and others ten in the party. As the officers came down the hill Michael Connors, one of the prime movers in the clambake, said :

Well, what do you men want?" The answer was: We came here to see what we could see."

"Well," said Connors, "now you have seen it, why don't you go?"

Connors then ordered Policeman Nerney to leave the ground. He did not obey, and Connors attempted to push him, when he put his hand to his hip and drew a revolver. Connors selzed his hand and there was a shot.

The officers with Nerney then struck Conners over the head with a black jack, and that when Conners turned to see the source of the blow Nerney placed the pistol to his head and fired, and Connors fell. As Connors fell Daniel Mountain sprang for-

ward as if to catch him. As he did so another shot sounded, and Mountain fell, shot just be-low the heart. Connors died almost instantly. Mountain lived about twenty minutes. Nerney has been arrested.

KILLED BY MAYOR WATERS.

A "Doctor Drummer" in Hot Springs Cut

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., May 24. - One of the most ensational homicides that ever occurred in this city took place last night at 8 o'clock on Whitting avenue opposite the Catholic church. The principals were W. W. Waters. Mayor of Hot Springs, and H. H. Martin, a drummer, employed by doctors. Waters, since taking the office of Mayor, has made a bold stand against the "doctor drumming" element in this city. and has had many of the drummers arrested and fined by the city court. Martin, who was the recognized king of the drummers, was arrested several days ago for drumming without

wearing a badge and fined by the Police Judge. Meeting Mayor Waters on the street last evening Martin, stopped him and endeavored to get him to remit the fine. This the Mayor refused to do, and started to-ward his home. Martin followed and kept abusing him, and finally caught him by the shoulder. A scuffle ensued, during which the Mayor drew a knife from his pocket and cut Martin in the neck, severing the jugular rein. The latter died in ten minutes.

Mayor Waters immediately gave himself up o the officers, and is now under arrest. Tom Mathias, a nephew of Waters, endeavored to separate the combatants, and was severely cut in several places.

MURDERED THE FAMILY.

The Bodies of Father, Mother, and Son Found Under a Bed. Ava. Mo., May 24. The Sawyer family, consisting of father, mother, and grown-up son, were found murdered in their home, one mile east of this place, vesterday.

Ernest E, Sawyer, the son, had stab wounds in the throat and right breast, his laws were broken, and his head and face beaten to a jelly. He had been murdered in the barn and his body dragged to the house.

The skulls of both father and mother were together under a bed and covered with a blanket. The object of the crime appears to have been robbery. The Sawyers came here from Linn

county, Ia., in November last. A young man who was seen with young Saw-yer on Wednesday evening is missing. He is uspected of the crime.

GIRL PICKPOCKETS NABBED. aught in; the Central Park Lion House-Had Lots of Plunder.

Detectives McGinty and Savage of the Cenin the lion house three girl pickpockets. When rought before Sergeant Hodgins at the Arrenal, the girls described themselves as Rachael Donath, 12 years old, of 129 Willett street; Lena Rangle, 13, of 348 East Houston street, and Rosa Donath, 11, a sister of Rachael.

When searched by Matron Winne, Rachael had several purses, a silver watch, a two-dollar bill, and a lace handkerchief concealed in her underclothing. The purses contained 26 cents in all. Rosa Donath has a purse containing 23 cents, one silk handkerchief, and a gold chain with charms attached. Lena Rangle had a purse containing 45 cents, a knife, a stiver watch, a gold chain, a gold ring, and a rolled-gold chain.

Rachael Donath confessed that she had been arcested twice before on a similar charge. She also told Capt. Collins that she did the stealing, and brought the two other girls with her to carry the plunder. She admitted that all the property in their possession had been taken during the afternoon, with the exception of the silver watch. They were sent to the rooms of the Gerry society. of the Gerry society.

SHE PUT HIM TO FLIGHT.

An Unknown Man Alarms a Woman Work-er in an Orphanage.

COLLEGE POINT, L. I., May 24.--An unknown man broke into the Berachah Orphanage here at an early hour this morning. He effected an entrance through a window on the second floor by way of the fire escape. He pried open one of by way of the fire escape. He pried open one of the windows and had just entered the room when Hannah Lantz, one of the workers, was awakened by the noise. She lighted a match and was alarmed to find a strange man in front of her. She screamed, and getting out of bed struggled with the intruder for several minutes. He finally made his escape in the darkness. The woman fired several shots after him, but they evidently did not have any effect.

The man is described as tall, with a long full heard. The Rev. John Schultz, paster of the Gospel Mission connected with the institution, says that the intruder must have had improper designs on some inmate, as there is very little money kept in the orphanage at any time.

COLONNADE SUICIDE BURIED.

Her Pather Says He'll Shoot the Person Who Disturbs Her Body. COLUMBUS, Ind., May 24. The body of May D. Hill, the Colonnade Hotel suicide, arrived here yesterday and was identified by the father

here yesterday and was identified by the father and other relatives. The body was buried in the family lot. The diamonds she was known to possess were not found among the effects in her trunk. The family here believe she was murdered and robbed.

The woman left a note asking that her body be cremated, but yesterday, standing by the casket. Col. John H. Keith, the dead woman's father, declared: "I will kill the man who stampts to cremate my daughter's body or disturb it after burial."

Judge Hill and wife of Indianapolis, parents of the woman's husband, attended the funeral.

There was no special change in the condition of Moritz Pront, the cataleptic, at Both Israel Hospital last night. Food was administered to him artificially at intervals. He is apparently very feable.

BABY'S LIFE WAS SAVED.

IT FELL RETWEEN THE SIDE WHEELS OF A TROLLEY CAR,

But Motorman Mahoney Had Seen It Toddling Across the Street and When It Stumbled and Fell He Was Ready for It-The Car Stopped In About Six Feet

A tittle white-haired girl, about two years old, sat on the curbstone at the corner of Gates and Irving avenues in Brooklyn yesterday afterbuon playing with a dog. She would put bunches of grass into the dog's mouth and the dog would shake them and scatter the blades over her head. Then she would gather the grass again while the dog waited open-mouthed for the next performance. An older child finally began to tease the dog, and he ran across the street just as trolley car 1,650 of the Gates avenue line came bowling along on its way to Ridgewood. The little girl who had been playing on the curb started across the street after the dog just as the trolley car was passing. As she neared it she tripped and fell. The passengers were horror stricken. A dozen of them saw the child fall. The women

who saw her screamed. The car was in charge of Motorman Dennis Mahoney and Conductor Thomas Cogan. Ma-honey saw the child running toward the car. Within a second he reversed his motor and shut down his brake, stopping the car so suddenly that the passengers were thrown from their seats to the floor. He stopped the car within six feet of the point where it was when he reversed the motor. The baby girl fell forward under the car between the fore and

hind wheels, where she lay in a heap. Conductor Cogan jumped from the car just as the child fell under it. She was screaming at the top of her voice as he pulled her out from between the wheels and carried her to from between the wheels and carried her to the sidewalk. A physician who was among the passengers made an examination of the child and pronounced her uninjured. She had not even received a scratch, but there wasn't the slightest doubt that her feelings or her sense of dignity were severely hurt. In the mean time one of the women in the oar had fainted. She revived after the physi-cian had attended to her, and a friend assisted her from the car.

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The passengers were loud in their praises of Motorman Mahoney for the promptness with which he had stopped the car. Some of them were anxious to raise a subscription for him. One man shouted:

"Let us chip in for the motorman; I'll start it with \$5.1"

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One man shouted:

"Let us chip in for the motorman; I'll start it with \$5."

He pulled out a bank note and others followed his example. The motorman blushed and sald he had only done his duty. He refused to accept any money. Then the passenger who had proposed the subscription asked him for his name and wrote it in a notebook. While the excitement was at its height a woman picked up the little girl and ran around the corner with her.

When questioned by a Sun reporter at Ridgewood Motorman Mahoney said:

"The child ran toward the car, tripped on the rough pavement, almost turned a somersault, and landed under the car. I've been railroading fourteen years and have never had an accident, although I have had some very marrow escapes. But in this case I admit that it was the best work I ever did. Of course I was not at fault in any way, for the car was passing when the child got under it. But I had my eyes skinned for just such an accident, because that neighborhood is one where a thing of this sort may be looked for, as the children swarms into the streets from the big tenements and are continually designs toward the cars. In all my years of railroading in ever learned before that I could stop a car as quick as I did that one. It just goes to show that a man in charge of a trolley car must attend strictly to business at all times, and keep his eyes skinned on both sides of him as well as in front."

On Saturday President Rossiter of the Brooklyn Heights Company announced that within a few days the \$30,000 to be distributed by the company among the employees in reward for careful work would be awarded. Persons who witnessed Motorman Mahoney's work yesterday afternoon would give him a big slice of the reward if they had any say in the matter. The directors voted the maney to be divided among those men who should pass the wister without an accident or violation of the rules of the road.

BOWLED OVER BY A CABLE CAR. Spectators Thought Little Jerry Brennan

started to cross Broadway near Dey street early last evening just as two cable cars were passing each other. When he cleared the rear of the up-town car he found the down-town carnot five feet away. The gripman, George Reed, reeased the grip and jammed down his brake,

but wasn't quite quick enough to save Jerry from a knock down. There were many persons astir in Broadway. returning home from the ferries, when Jerry rolled under the front of the car at 6:25 o'clock Their nerves were set agog by the wild clanging of the gripman's gong, and his shouts. Those who saw Jerry double up under the thump of the front platform thought that there would be crape on a Fourth ward tenement to-day,

be crape on a Fourth ward tenement to-day. The cable car came to a standstill so suddenly that passengers were jolted forward on the scats a foot or more.

A dozen men ran into the street to drag out Jerry's mangled body from under the car. Jerry dragged it out himself and found that it wasn't mangled. He had had a short ride on the fender under the car. He looked pretty white as he brushed the dust off his clothing and listened to the gripman's remarks about boys. The police took the name of the gripman, the number of the car, 160, and the name of Jerry. There the incident officially ended.

Hernard Croogan, 50 years old, a laborer, of 330 East Twenty-sixth street, fell yesterday at Third avenue and Thirty-sixth street, in getting off a cable car. He slipped just as he stepped to the ground and struck his head on the pavement. After a scalp wound which he received was dressed by a Hellevue Hospital ambulance surgeon, he went home.

Against the Abyssinians.

Massowan, May 24.-Thirty-five battalions of infantry, seven battailons of artillery, and four companies of cavalry have started on their return to Italy, in pursuance of the Government's plan to abandon the province of Tigre and the campaign against the Abyssinians.

Recent meagre despatches from Eritrea said that King Menelek had surrendered to the Italians the prisoners, 2,000 in number, whom he captured at the battle of Adua.

No mention was made of any compensation to the King, and no reason was known why he should surrender his prisoners without a handshould surrender his prisoners without a handsome consideration. THE SUN said the news
should be received with reserve until further
details were received.

If the above despatch is true, the King has indeed been handsomely compensated for giving
up his prisoners. It means that Italy throws up
the sponge and retires lugioriously from Abyssinia.

This report is not extremely plausible, for it
involves such a loss of prestige as no European
power has ever suffered in Africa.

The only thing that Italy's commander inchief in the field, Gen. Baldissers, has had an
opportunity to do since he took control, he has
done.

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He has relieved the garrison at Adigrat, which was besieged by the Abyssinians, and he retired with the reacued garrison to Eritra proper, which was the only thing he could do; for the rainy season is now in full force, and there can be no such thing as active campaining among the mountains again before next letober.

If italy has really given up the fight there is instigation of her defeat unless she has succeeded in getting from Menelek the treaty she is said to have recently been after, binding him not to submit to the political influence of any other power.

She went into the war ostensibly to assert her rights to the complete possession of the north, ern part of the Tigre province. When the rainy season fairly began she had virtually been driven out of the province entirely.

A small fire among some rags in the basemen

of the five-story tenement 455 West Twentyseventh street alarmed the tenants last night.

The fire was easily extinguished, and an examination disclosed the fact that the rags had been saturated with kerosene. The police are investigating the case.

BURNING THE MAIL.

Remarkable Measures Employed by the Cripple Creek Postmaster, CRIPPLE UREER, Col., May 24. - Wagon load after wagon load of mail matter was taken from the Cripple Creek Post Office vesterday after-

noon to the city dump, where an attempt was made by the Postmaster's assistants to burn it. Many citizens went out to the dump and saved some of their mail. In nearly every instance the mail thrown away was plainly addressed. Mail was there for some of the most prominent

itizens of the camp. When Postmaster Rose was called upon for an explanation he said the burning was done on the authority of the Post Office Inspector, and acknowledged that some mail was destroyed which ought not to have been. An official investigation will be made.

ANOTHER KANSAS TORNADO.

A Village Almost Wiped Out-Cloudburst

NEODESHA, Kan., May 24 .- A tornado passed through the western part of this country early esterday morning. La Fontaine, a village of

200 souls, was almost destroyed. Two business houses, the Missouri Pacific depot, and the Christian Church were wrecked, and almost every house in the village was damaged. A score of farm houses, north, east, and west were destroyed.

Aaron Edwards, a farmer, was fatally injured, and many others were severely hurt. The loss on buildings and property is \$25,000. Hall and rain accompanied the wind and destroyed every vestige of vegetation. The area of the damaged district is about seventy-five square

MARSHALLTOWN, In., May 24 .- A cloudburst between this city and State Centre to-day swept away nearly a mile of the Chicago and Northwestern tracks, doing great damage to growing crops and other property.

Lind Creek, a small stream flowing through the southern section of Marshalltown, suddenly became a rampant river. Bridges were swept away and large piles of lumber were carried down the stream. Only small buildings were wrecked, but the damage to property will be

JOCKET BILLINGS DEAD.

His Iliness Due to His Attempts to Reduce

John Billings, a jockey and trainer of steeplechasers, died early yesterday in Bellevue Hospireduce his weight so that he might ride in the Metropolitan Steeplechase at Morris Park on Wednesday.

Billings had been attached for several years to Fred Gebbard's racing stable and was under contract to ride for the stable during the coming season. He rode Olinda to victory in the Metropolitan last October and expected to duplicate the victory on Rodman on Wednesday. Billings was 27 years old. His home was in Eatontown, N. J., but for the past few weeks he had lodged at the Columbian Hotel on Greenwich avenue. He was removed to the hospital on Saturday night and died shortly after his arrival. His body was taken to the Morgue. A message was received at the Morgue yesterday afternoon that Mr. Gebhard would arrange for the funeral.

HUSBAND AND WIFE SCORCHED.

Arrested and Locked Up in Different Stations-Very Young and Just Married. John Orson of 208 East Twenty-fifth street, and his wife Mary went bicycle riding last night. While scorching on the Boulevard they were seen by "Bike Cop" Scheusler, and he quickly

ran them down. John was locked up in the West Sixty-eighth street station and Mary was taken to the West Forty-seventh street station, where is a matron. He is 18 years old and she 16. They were married recently.

They will be arraigned in the Yorkville court this morning.

PROBABLE BOLT IN ILLINOIS.

PLATT ANSWERS MILLER

PRICE TWO CENTS.

ORIGINAL MORION MAN, PLEDGED

TO MORTON, NOW FOR M'KINLEY. It Was Morton Who Made the Herkimers

Nienragan Statesman a Belegate-ate Large to St. Louis Wind and Sham in the Mckinley Movement in New York,

Ex-'senator Thomas C. Platt had a few words to say last night in reply to the recent utter-an see of Ex-Senator Warner Miller. Mr. Plats raid that at first be was not inclined to believe the interview printed in a Buffalo newspaper in which Mr. Miller denounced Mr. Platt for his criticism of candulate Mr. McKinley was senuine. Mr. Miller, however, has taken no steps to retract the statement; on the contrary, he is said to have reiterated them at Herkimer on Saturday.

Mr. Platt brings out what has been known in the inner circles of Republican State politics for some time, that it was toy. Morton who in-sisted that Mr. Miller should be sent as a delagate at large to St. Louis. In return for this, Mr. Miller has come out and declared that Mr. McKinley is his second choice. It is accepted among politicians that "a man who has a second choice has no first choice," Besides, Mr. Miller was instructed by the Republican State Convention to vote for Gov. Morton. second interview, Mr. Miller declared that half of the New York State delegates were for Mo-Kinley, and when he did this the Plats Republicans declared that for the first time in his career Mr. Miller could be accused of dishonorable conduct. Now that Mr. Platt has told how Mr. Miller came to be a del gate at large, it may be added that Mr. Platt himself was not to have gone to the Convention as a delegate at large. He was quite cont at to go as a district delegate for Tioga county, and this plan had been arranged when Gov. Morton stepped in and insisted that Mr. Miller should go as a delegate at large. Expediency then required that Mr. Platt should also be a delegate

Here is what Mr. Platt says about Mr. Miller and the sham McKinley boom in this State:

"It is now plain that the McKinley managers propose to continue to the end their plan of claiming everything and conceding nothing, without regard for facts a scheme they have persisted in for many weeks. Their lieutenants

persisted in for many weeks. Their lieutenants here are equally determined to aid them just as persistently for ends and purposes essentially different—ends and purposes with which Major McKiniey and his managers have no concern whatever—and without the slightest consideration for any one but themselves, and this too, without a thought for the welfare of the business interests of the nation.

"The business men of the country, however, may confidently rely upon it that their views will be expressed at the St. Louis Convention, both as to the maintenance of the gold standard and as to the nomination of a candidate who can appropriately stand on a gold platform, New York will present such a candidate, and the vote of this State will be cast for him almost unanimously.

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"I observe that ex-Senator Miller in a recent interview says that I have no commission to speak for our delegation on that point. It is a small matter whether I have or not. The important thing is as to the fact, and Mr. Miller will scarcely deny the fact. He, for instance, baving been elected a delegate at tooy, Morton's request, having attended the conference at which I was resolved to place floy. Morton in the field, having been the first man there to advocate that action, and the first man to proclaim it to the world by a formal interview when the conference adjourned, he, of course, will be the Governor's stanchest supporter in the Convention. He says I must not speak for him, but I can certainly recall his record in the matter, and can at least express enough confidence in his character as a man to say that he will keep faith with himself and make good his promises, what is true of Mr. Miller in this respect is similarly true of the other delegates, whether they represent districts or the State at large. It should be plain to the public that all this Mc-Kinley Lullabaloo in New York is simply so much empty sound. It will not affect the vote at St. Louis of a single New York delegate. It is a familiar noise. We hear it every spring and fall. It proceeds from the same old crowd of 'antis' who have been performing in this way these many years. And there is not an intelligent man who does not know that if the regular organization to-day were advocating McKinley, all these people would be denouncing McKinley and declaring him unfit for public station. They don't care a fig about McKinley; they simply make use of his name and position to air their conspiracy for the overthrow of the Republican organization. They will be arraigned in the Yorkville contribute morning.

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